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SUBJECT   Secret Warning to Naval Bases

        JACK ANDERSON: A secret warning has gone out to US
naval bases. It states that our major naval bases are vul-
nerable to terrorist attack. It further suggests that an
attempt might be made Iranian terrorists.

        Here's the reason: Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini is rep-
orted to be in a rage over the US offer to conduct joint naval
maneuvers with Persian Gulf countries. This offer was intended
to counteract Iran's military moves in the Persian Gulf. So the
Iranians may try to retaliate by raiding or sabotaging a naval
airbase.

        The secret alert mentions four bases as particularly
defenseless. They're the bases at Norfolk, Jacksonville, San
Diego and Seattle. Norfolk is regarded as the most vulnerable.
The security is so poor that the Pentagon investigators gave a
startling estimate of the damage that could be done. They
warned that more than a billion dollars worth of naval aircraft
could be destroyed in just one hour by a team of no more than
five saboteurs.

        A third to a half of the Navy's total air power is
vulnerable to sabotage. Now one reason for this appalling
weakness is that our naval bases are located in port cities
that have limited space and facilities for protective measures.
But the investigators also found that the Navy hasn't done much
to tighten security at the bases. Oh, there are guards at all
of them, of course, but the investigators warned that the guards
could easily be overpowered by terrorists.

And that isn't all. The investigators also warned that foreign spies probably have penetrated the naval bases already. The may have stolen top secret radar equipment. Now the spies probably have taught the terrorists just how easy it is to sneak into these bases.